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FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

TO AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASUNCION 1259

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SECSTATE FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE, ARA, L

FROM SAIC BOLDIN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, PA

SUBJECT: EMILIO QUINTERO ET AL, C1-73-0353, DA4-C1

1. ON APRIL 3, 1975 A WOMAN WHO IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS THE WIFE OF FUGITIVE BENJAMIN VARA-PUERTAS SHOWED UP AT THE IBERIA AIRLINES OFFICE IN ASUNCION STATING THAT SHE WAS TRYING TO LOCATE A SUITCASE BELONGING TO HER HUSBAND.

2. THE WOMAN EXPLAINED THAT HER HUSBAND WAS ON IBERIA FLIGHT FROM MADRID TO ASUNCION 3/19/75,
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BUT BECAME ILL DURING THE FLIGHT AND HAD TO DEPLANE

IN RIO DE JANEIRO INSTEAD OF COMING TO ASUNCION.
BEING QUITE ILL, HE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECOVER HIS
SUITCASE BEFORE THE FLIGHT LEFT FOR ASUNCION.

3. MRS. VARA STATED TO THE IBERIA REPRESENTATIVE
THAT SHE WAS STAYING AT THE HOTEL GUARANI IN
ASUNCION. HOWEVER, HOTEL RECORDS DO NOT INDICATE
THAT SHE IS REGISTERED THERE, AT LEAST UNDER HER
REAL NAME.

4. ADO BELIEVES THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT
BENJAMIN VARA IS NOW IN ASUNCION ALSO, HAVING
ARRIVED BY SOME OTHER FLIGHT OR BY LAND AND WITH
FICTITIOUS DOCUMENTS.

5. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, ADO REQUESTS THAT
ALL AVAILABLE IDENTIFYING DATA (PHOTOS, FINGERPRINT
CHARTS, ETC.) FOR BENJAMIN VARA-PUERTAS
BE FORWARDED TO ADO FROM MADRID DO BY THE MOST
EXPEDITIOUS MEANS. ALSO REQUEST PHOTO OF VARA'S
WIFE, IF AVAILABLE.

6. ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO LOCATE
MRS. VARA AND ESTABLISH SURVEILLANCE WHICH
MAY LEAD TO FUGITIVE BENJAMIN VARA-PUERTAS.
RESULTS WILL BE CABLED ASAP.
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